(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA) (a) ACentrally Sponsored Scheme on "Marco-Management in Agriculture—Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plan" is being implemented in the country including Gujarat. Under this scheme a programme on Integrated Development of Fruits is being implemented including Promotion of Tissue Culture.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There are two proposal received during 2003-04 on Establishment of Tissue Culture Unit which are under consideration of Government of Gujarat

(d) An amount of Rs. 250.00 lakhs sanctioned for implemented for Integrated Development of Fruits during the year 2004-05 by Government of Gujarat including the programme on Promotion of Tissue Culture.

Coconut Cultivation in Gujarat

866. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coconut cultivation has increased in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of production recorded during each of the last three years; district-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the domestic use of coconut and coconut products and to set up coconut based industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA) (a) Yes, Sir. The cultivation of coconut in Gujarat has been increased from 14232 ha. in 2001-02 to 15969 ha. in 2003-04.

(b) The available district-wise details of area under coconut cultivation in Gujarat for the period 2001 -02 to 2003-04 is given below:—

(Area in ha.)

Districts	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Valsad	3852	4077	4276
Junagadh	5622	5675	5772
Bhavanagar	2750	3035	3565
Kutch	396	437	490
Amerali	137	152	144
Surat	317	322	402
Jamnagar	261	265	304
Baroda	127	127	153
Navsari	262	275	290
Porbander	480	485	488
Others	28	31	85
TOTAL:	14232	14881	15969

(c) The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India is implementing a scheme on Integrated Development of Coconut Industry including Technology Mission on coconut for the integrated development of coconut in India. Under the schem, assistance is provided to the farmers, entrepreneurs and coconut processors for taking up market promotional activities which are aimed at increasing the domestic use of coconut and coconut products. Besides, assistance is also being extended for technology demonstration by setting up of pilot testing plants for integrated processing of coconut products as well as for setting up of new processing industries including fabrication and development of machinery for processing of coconut and coconut products.

Suicide by Farmers

†867 SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers who committed suicide in Andhra Pradesh,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.